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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 28218

1. ACCORDING TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY COUNSELLOR BOZIANU, SOVIETS HAD 48-HOUR NOTICE FROM THE ARABS OF THEIR PLANS TO INITIATE CONFLICT. HOWEVER, SOVIETS DID NOT PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO ROMANIANS. AFTER WAR HAD BROKEN OUT, BUCHAREST TOOK INITIATIVE TO INFORM MOSCOW THAT IT WOULD NOT ALLOW SOVIET PLANES TO OVERFLY ROMANIAN TERRITORY WITH MILITARY SUPPLIES FOR ARAB COUNTRIES. HOPING TO USE ITS SPECIAL POSITION AS COUNTRY HAVING RELATIONS WITH BOTH ARABS AND ISRAEL, ROMANIA THEN SENT SERIES OF THREE NOTES TO SOVIET UNION AND TO US, PROPOSING INTER ALIA A FIVE KILOMETER ZONE BETWEEN ARAB AND ISRAELI FORCES WHERE UNEF WOULD BE STATIONED AND OFFERED ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN FORCE. BOZIANU SAID THAT NEITHER MOSCOW NOR WASHINGTON HAD YET REPLIED TO THESE NOTES.

2. BOZIANU REVEALED THAT ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM ARABS TO END JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM ROMANIA TO ISRAEL AND THAT QUESTION WAS CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY. WHILE HE RECOGNIZED MFN IMPLICATIONS, BOZIANU THOUGHT IT ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT ROMANIA WOULD STOP JEWISH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL WHILE ALLOWING IT TO CONTINUE TO OTHER COUNTRIES. HE ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE PERHAPS SOME 10,000 ROMANIAN JEWS WHO STILL DESIRE TO
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EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL.

3. BOZIANU SAID THAT ALTHOUGH OIL WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT A PROBLEM FOR ROMANIA, IT WAS DEPENDENT ON EGYPTIAN AND SUDANESE COTTON, AND HE CLAIMED THAT ARAB EXPORT LIMITATIONS COULD CAUSE ROMANIA SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

4. BOZIANU MENTIONED THAT CEAUSEASCU HOPED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON IN CONNECTION WITH TRIP TO UN,BUT THAT HE WAS UNDECIDED ON TIMING AND DID NOT WANT TO COME WHEN IT WOULD BE INCONVENIENT FOR PRESIDENT NIXON.

5. COMMENT: IF BOZIANU ACCURATELY REFLECTS ROMANIAN ATTITUDES, BUCHAREST IS FRUSTRATED OVER SERIES OF SETBACKS, TO POLICY OF SEEKING TO PLAY ACTIVE AND INDEPENDENT ROLE ON WORLD SCENE. AFTER SEEING INITIATIVES AT MBFR AND CSCE SHELVED OR REJECTED, BID TO ATTEND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AS OBSERVER THWARTED, INVITATION TO POMPIDOU TO VISIT BUCHAREST IGNORED, AND HOPES FOR EXPANDED TRADE WITH US DISAPPOINTED WITH MFN A HOSTAGE OF JEWISH EMIGRATION ISSUE, ROMANIANS NOW CONFRONTED WITH SEEMING LACK OF ANY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THEIR MIDDLE EAST PROPOSALS. BOZIANU'S GENERAL ATTITUDE TO ALL OF THIS IS ONE OF RESIGNATION, MODERATED BY THE HOPE THAT ROMANIA MAY YET BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE AS A KIND OF HONEST BROKER IN HELPING MODERATE TENSIONS AND THEREBY BE ABLE TO MOVE FURTHER TOWARD A NON-ALIGNED AND INDEPENDENT STATUS.

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